THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

W.P.No.27618 of 2005

Date:27.12.2005

Sacred Hearts English Medium School.

--------PETITIONER

The Deputy Transport Commissioner and Secretary and another.

---------RESPONDENTS

ORDER:

The vehicle of the petitioner bearing Registration No. AP.26/W.5085 was seized by the 2nd respondent, through Vehicle Check Report, dated 17.12.2005, on the grounds that the driver of the vehicle was absconding and that the vehicle was being plied without possessing the necessary documents. The petitioner challenges the seizure in this writ petition.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Transport.

A perusal of the Vehicle Check Report, dated 17.12.2005, discloses that the driver of the vehicle was absconding and it did not possess R.C., I.C., F.C., Permit, Driving Licence and P.U.C. Certain other lapses were also pointed out. The liability of the petitioner in the context of these observations needs to be established in the proceedings to be initiated under the relevant provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act. If the vehicle is detained and kept in the custody of the 2nd respondent, till such proceedings take place, not only the petitioner would be put to irreparable loss, but also the vehicle would be exposed to the danger of theft and damage. The interest of the State can be protected by imposing necessary conditions while permitting the petitioner to keep the custody of the

vehicle.

For the foregoing reasons, the writ petition is disposed of, directing that;

a. the vehicle of the petitioner bearing Registration No.AP.26/W.5085, shall be released to him, on his depositing a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand Only);

b. the petitioner shall also furnish an undertaking to the effect that he shall not alienate the vehicle till the proceedings in pursuance of the Check Report are finalized and that he shall produce the vehicle as and when required; and

c. the petitioner shall be entitled to ply the vehicle, if only it is covered by the necessary documents.

d. There shall be no order as to costs.

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27.12.2005

Note: Issue C.C. in two days.

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